

16 August 1964

MEMO FOR: CI/OPS/3, MR. KILPATRICK

SUBJECT: MICHAEL SUMAN

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1. The information herein was obtained from debriefings of TIDRAMA/1 in October and November 1963 (OSSW-0379, 13 November, Encl 4):
  2. TIDRAMA/1 was met at the Los Angeles airport on Tuesday morning, 27 October 1963 by Michael SUMAN and they drove to SUMAN's home in Sierra Madre, California, where T/1 stayed until his departure for the East Coast on 3 November. SUMAN had previously invited T/1 to visit him when T/1 got to California. SUMAN allowed T/1 to use his car during the visit.
  3. According to T/1, SUMAN was "in charge of all equipment in the Los Angeles State College physics laboratory" and was engaged in borrowing and outfitting physics equipment under the supervision of Dr. Earl JACOBS, head of the L.A. State Physics Department. T/1 also noted that SUMAN and JACOBS were "partners in a business sense" and were working on a "project which the military establishment" was "interested in", namely "something to do with a special type of vacuum pump or some sort of vacuum equipment". The Air Force was said to be the service specifically interested in the project.
  4. T/1 reported that SUMAN had been engaged in "a lot of different things", including film producing, and had been a musician, "professional" not on picture cameraman, and mathematician.
  5. SUMAN and T/1 "grew up together" in Sierra Madre and are about the same age (T/1 is 25). T/1 commented that he and SUMAN were much alike "in a way". SUMAN has 5 children, but T/1 noted that he had not "worked much in his life"—depending heavily on his family which has "a lot of money".

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file: TIDRAMA